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Naples, Decemb. 15.

HEre is arrived from *Palermo* Prince *Ludoviſio*, General of the Gallies of that Kingdom, and has given our Viceroy an ample account of the ſtate things are in there, *viz.* that the People continue poſſeſſed of the ſeveral Baſtions of the City, and of the Magazines, though at the ſame time they expreſs all duty and obedience to the King, and declare that their only deſign is to ſecure themſelves againſt all contrivances of the Enemy, and to keep themſelves from falling into their hands; but theſe are fair pretences, of which time only can manifeſt the reality. The weather continuing very tempeſtuous, our Viceroy has ordered the Troops which were already embarked in order to their Tranſportation to *Melazzo*, to march by Land to *Reggio*, from whence the paſſage to *Melazzo* is very ſhort. Our laſt Letters from thence adviſed, that the Marquis *de Caſtel Rodrigo*, Viceroy of *Sicily*, is about fortifying *Caſtiglione*, ſcituate between *Catania* and *Melazzo*, for the better maintaining a communication between thoſe two places, as well as to hinder the incurſions which the Enemy might otherwiſe make into thoſe parts. The Duke *de Vivonne*, as we are informed, has cauſed the *Scaletta* to be demoliſhed, at which, it's ſaid here, the *Meſſineſes* are not well ſatisfied.

Venice, Decemb. 26. We have not only the confirmation of the death of the Grand Viſier, but are farther informed, that the Grand Signior had conferred that charge upon a Favorite of his, who being young, and without experience, was very much contemned by the Baſſa's, who have been bred up in the Publick Affairs, and are therefore much offended to ſee ſo young a man preferred before them, which may have ill conſequences, eſpecially ſeeing the *Janizaries* are already very much diſſatisfied, and would be ready to contribute to a change in the Government. The Duke of *Mantua* is at preſent in this City, to take part of the divertiſements of the Seaſon.

Madrid, Decemb. 16. We are told that Orders have been ſent to the Preſidents of the ſeveral Councils, requiring them to repair to the firſt Miniſter of State, as often as he ſhall call upon them, to aſſiſt him as there ſhall be occaſion, only the Preſident of *Caſtile*, and the Vicechancellor of *Arragon* are excepted. We are aſſured that the neceſſary Orders have been diſpatched for the remitting two millions of Crowns to *Flanders*, that ſeveral Bills of Exchange have been already ſent away, and that the reſt will follow by the next Ordinary. It is ſaid likewiſe, that a conſiderable Sum of Monies is, or will be ſent to the Governor of *Milan*, to be employed in the making of Levies for the ſervice of *Sicily*. The Baron *de Bergeyck* is appointed to paſs into *England*, and to reſide there with the character of Envoy Extraordinary. Here is lately arrived in this Court an Envoy from the Elector of *Brandenburgh*, and another from the Biſhop of *Oſnabrug*. Some dayes ſince dyed here the Count of *Pignaranda*, leaving, by his death, the place of Preſident of the Counſel of *Italy* vacant, to which appear ſeveral Pretenders. It is reported for certain, that we ſhall have the next Summer a Fleet of 40 Men of War at Sea, and that in order thereunto 20 will be bought up in *Holland*. Here is ſome diſcourſe, as if endeavors were uſing to reconcile *Don Juan* of *Auſtria*, and to bring him to Court.

Straelſondt, Decemb. 25. Yeſterday arrived here a Galiot from *Uſted* in *Schonen*, being ſent on purpoſe with Letters from the King of *Sueden*, to our Governor Count *Coningſmark*, to inform him of the Victory lately obtained by his ſaid Majeſty againſt the *Danes*, of which a particular Relation will be made Publick here in a day or two; in the mean time we are aſſured, that the ſaid Victory is very conſiderable, the *Suedes* having taken from the Enemy their Baggage and Artillery, which latter is ſaid to have conſiſted in 50 pieces of Cannon, and having cut off moſt of their Infantry, for no quarter was given on either ſide, and conſequently few Priſoners were taken; the *Suedes* took likewiſe a great many Arms and Horſes, and a great number of Colours and Standards. For this great Victory, Publick Thanks are appointed to be rendred in all Churches here; and the general rejoycing on this occaſion is yet encreaſed, by the arrival of 1000 Foot from *Colmar*, and the aſſurance we have that they will be followed in a ſhort time by ſeveral thouſands more, ſo that we hope to have a good Army in the Field this approaching Campagne; for which that our Governor General may the better prepare, he has, as is ſaid, received likewiſe a conſiderable Sum of Money. Yeſterday his Excellency entertained all the chief Officers at a Noble Entertainment, and the Cannon have played all night long.

Lubeck, Decemb. 25. The *Suedes* ſpeak very largely of the Victory they ſay they have gained upon the *Danes* in *Schonen*, which they pretend to have been as abſolute and entire, as they themſelves could have wiſhed; they tell us that all, or greateſt part of the *Daniſh* Infantry was deſtroyed; that of 900 or 1000 *Dutch* and *Daniſh* Seamen that were in the Army, not above 40 came off; that the *Daniſh* left Wing was totally routed; and that a great ſlaughter was likewiſe made among the Troops of their right Wing; that the *Danes* loſt their Artillery, Ammunition and Baggage; and that they had ſeveral General Officers killed and wounded; that the King of *Denmark*, and his Brother Prince *George*, narrowly eſcaped being killed or taken Priſoners, but that they ſaved themſelves by retiring with their remaining Troops towards *Landſcroon*. Of the *Suedes*, General *Schultz* and Gen. *Gallas* were killed, and Major General *Ferſen* taken Priſoner, and in all it is reckoned that about 4000 men were ſlain. The King of *Sueden*, according to our laſt advices, was at *Malmoe*, his Army being encamped near that City, intending to purſue his Victory, and to make uſe of the diſorder it is ſaid this ill ſucceſs has put the *Daniſh* affairs in *Schonen* in.

Strasburgh, Jan. 1. The *French*, by the frequent motions of their Troops, keep us here in a continual Alarm, but more eſpecially the Neighbouring Bourgs and